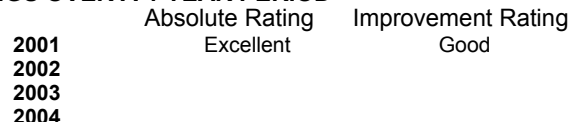


**ABSOLUTE RATING: Excellent**  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good**

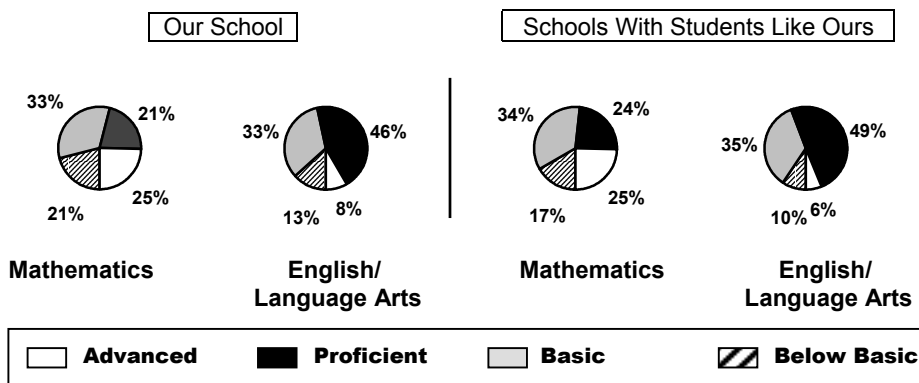
Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 41.  
 The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to average.

**RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD**



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

**PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS**



**DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:**

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=367)</b>	86.6	79	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=17)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=348)	88.2	81.1		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=202)	83.2	78.7		
Female (n=163)	92	79.9		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=70)	55.7	50		
Hispanic (n=4)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=284)	94.7	87		
Other (n=7)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=66)	63.6	48.5		
Pay for lunch (n=298)	92.6	86.3		

**SCHOOL PROFILE**

**INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,907	N/A	\$4,877	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	88.5%	Down from 91.1%	90.4%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.1 to 1	N/A	19.8 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=767)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	96.1%	Down from 96.4%	96.6%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	3%	N/A	2.1%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	2.7%	N/A	1.7%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	94%	Up from 88%	94.3%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	0.9%	Down from 1.1%	1.8%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=62)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5 Days	Down from 6.5	8 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	93%	Down from 95.5%	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	59.7%	Up from 58.3%	54.8%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	96.8%	Up from 91.7%	88.6%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	93.7%	Down from 94.2%	89.4%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$41,786	Up 5.8%	\$39,847	\$37,520

**SCHOOL FACTS**

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	70.1%	N/A	65.7%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	14	N/A	5	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	96.9%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	26.8%	Down from 29.4%	26.5%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.1%	Up from 0%	0.5%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	5	N/A	0	1
• Gifted and talented	28.9%	Up from 24.3%	26.5%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	12%	Up from 6.7%	6.7%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Nursery Road School has had another Champion Year! Our outstanding students, teachers, and parents continue to receive awards and recognitions as we journey on the road toward excellence for all students. Our school was selected to participate in the Governor's Reading Initiative and the district's Safety and Literacy Grant. Hope International hosts a Saturday Academy and volunteers from many community organizations provide tutoring. Our KnowledgeMaster team won first place in the state and 23 Continental Math medals were awarded to our students. We won first place in the Governor's Keep America Beautiful Contest, received the Champions of the Environment Award, and were the State School of the Year for Energy Achievement. Deidre Cousins, third grade teacher, was the State Energy Teacher of the Year. We had the top 2nd grade reader in the state in the Let's Read with the Lady Gamecocks Contest and had a state winner in the PTA Reflections Contest.

We are very fortunate to have many parent volunteers and business partners who support a variety of activities that contribute to our students' high academic achievements. With help from many community businesses and parent volunteers, our students established a Carolina Fence Garden that has become an outdoor classroom. For the second year in a row the district Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award went to a Nursery Road parent. Our students have also given back to the community by raising \$11,000 for Jump Rope for Heart.

Our teachers attended a variety of professional development workshops to improve skills in teaching reading, teaching to the Standards in all areas, using computers for instruction, and improving student behavior. Our teachers have also been deeply involved in curriculum mapping and have completed math maps in all of our grades. PE, Art, Music, and Spanish teachers have also mapped their curriculum this year.

The Nursery Road PTA made generous contributions to programs for our students such as Artists-in-Residence, Great Leaps, the Recycling Club, and purchase of many instructional materials and playground equipment. They also sponsored the Reading Incentive Program and our students again read over a million minutes.

Nursery Road School is a busy place even during after school hours and on weekends. It is a hub of many activities and we are lucky to have you as part of our school community.

Mary Kennerly, Principal, Nursery Road School

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	94.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	98.1	96.6	
Satisfied with home-school relations	96.3	94.1	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Nursery Road Elementary  
6706 Nursery Road  
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Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 767 Students

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Mrs. Paula Hite 803-749-1387



## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001



School Grade:  
Excellent

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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